

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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: **ORDER**
IN RE SEPTEMBER 11 LITIGATION :
: 21 MC 97 (AKH)
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ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Plaintiffs' Executive Committee, on behalf of all plaintiffs, has requested an enlargement of time to effect service on foreign defendants from my Order of February 19, 2004, which required all plaintiffs to serve process on all defendants to March 7, 2004. These cases, involving many plaintiffs, many defendants and extraordinary public concern, require the actions to proceed with dispatch. Plaintiffs' Executive Committee has shown some justification why service has not yet been completed for three foreign defendants, Securicor PLC, Securitas AB and ICTS.

Thus, I hereby order plaintiffs to effect alternative service through registered mail on these defendants by March 19, 2004 pursuant to Article 10(a) of the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extra-Judicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters (20 U.S.T. 1361; 658 U.N.T.S. 163, T.I.A.S. No. 6638; 28 U.S.C.A. (Appendix following Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 4) (Hague Convention). Defendants who believe such alternative service to be legally ineffective may raise the issue by motion. Additionally, the Plaintiffs shall proceed promptly to effect service through Article 5 of the Hague Convention. To the extent alternative service pursuant to Article 10(a) is found, after motion by defendants, not to be legally effective, additional service pursuant to Article 5 will assure personal jurisdiction over the defendants, thus doubly serving these defendants.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
March 8, 2004

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ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN
United States District Judge